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TAGS: ERDA, MNUC, TW, US
SUBJECT: REPORTS REPUBLIC OF CHINA REPROCESSING URANIUM FOR POSSIBLE MILITARY USE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS ASSOCIATED PRESS CARRYING STORY TO THE EFFECT REPUBLIC OF CHINA SECRETLY REPROCESSING SPENT URANIUM FUEL WHICH CAN BE USED TO PRODUCE ATOMIC WEAPONS.

2. ACCORDING ABOVE AP REPORTS FOREGOING INFORMATION SOURCED IN WASHINGTON POST STORY TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE, WHICH INDICATES IT NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH MATERIAL MAY HAVE BEEN (RE) PROCESSED FOR "BOMB MATERIAL".

3. WIRE SERVICE REPORTS STATE "U.S. ARMS CONTROL AGENCY" CANNOT CONFIRM ABOVE REPORTS.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE AND ANY FUGYBER AVAILABLE INFO SOONEST FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND AND USE IN HANDLING LOCAL INQUIRIES.
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